



GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES –Fisheries Department – Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada, East Godavari district, presently working as Dy. Director of Fisheries O/o Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (Dy&Vig(2)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 138

Dated: 26.05.2015

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ORDER

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada, East Godavari district, presently working as Dy. Director of Fisheries O/o Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad, in accordance with the procedure laid down in rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substances of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II).

3. Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada, East Godavari district, presently working as Dy. Director of Fisheries O/o Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad is directed to submit a written statement of defense within 10 days of the receipt of this order and also to state whether he desired to be heard in person.

4. Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada, East Godavari district, presently working as Dy. Director of Fisheries O/o Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada, East Godavari district, presently working as Dy. Director of Fisheries O/o Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-3 above further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada, East Godavari district, presently working as Dy. Director of Fisheries O/o Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad is invited to rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada, East Godavari district, presently working as Dy. Director of Fisheries O/o Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad, is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. MANMOHAN SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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To
Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada,
East Godavari district, presently working as Dy. Director of
Fisheries O/o Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad, through
the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Hyderabad.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V. V. KRISHNA MURTHY, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DY. DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES O/o COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES, AP, HYDERABAD.

CHARGE -1: "THAT SRI V.V. KRISHNA MURTHY, WHILE WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT HAS PLACED THE SUPPLY ORDER WITHOUT MENTIONING APPROVED SPECIFICATIONS BY THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR TO M/S OM SAI RAM MARINE ENTERPRISES, KAKINADA FOR SUPPLY OF 35 IBMS TO 35 BENEFICIARIES SANCTIONED ON 50% SUBSIDY WITHOUT PROPER PROCEDURE".

CHARGE - 2: "THAT SRI V.V. KRISHNA MURTHY, WHILE WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT HAS OBTAINED FALSE PHOTOGRAPHS AND RECEIPTS FROM 35 BENEFICIARIES IN A PUBLIC MEETING ORGANIZED ON 10.4.2012 IN THE VILLAGE AS IF UNITS WERE HANDED OVER, WITHOUT ACTUALLY DISTRIBUTING THE UNITS TO THE BENEFICIARIES.

CHARGE- 3: "THAT SRI V.V. KRISHNA MURTHY, WHILE WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT HAS RELEASED SUBSIDY AMOUNT OF RS.7,70,000/- TO THE MANAGER, IOB, PALLAMKURRU VILLAGE TOWARDS 35 SANCTIONED BENEFICIARIES, THEREBY CAUSING MISAPPROPRIATION OF SUBSIDY FUNDS".

CHARGE - 4: "THAT SRI V.V. KRISHNA MURTHY, WHILE WORKING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT FAILED TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF THE FISHERMEN IN GROUNDING THE IBMS AND FAILED TO SUPERVISE THE PROCESS PROPERLY AND HE SUBMITTED FALSE UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE WITHOUT GROUNDING 35 BOAT ENGINES TO THE BENEFICIARIES".

Basis: The Department of Fisheries, Government of A.P., has been implementing the scheme called as "Motorization of Traditional Fishing Crafts" under Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which In Board Machines / Out Board Motors are being supplied to the eligible Marine Fishermen with 50% subsidy limiting to Rs.30,000/- per In Board Machine / Out Board Motors. With the Motorization of Traditional Crafts, the Fishermen could able to venture into offshore fishing area and spend more time for fishing.

During the year 2011 -12, the Commissioner of Fisheries, Govt. of AP, Hyderabad has issued instructions to all the District Fisheries Officers vide Memo.No.216/J2/2011, dt.17.06.2011 for implementation of the scheme, Motorisation of Traditional Crafts under RKVY Scheme and sanctioned Rs.44.81 lakhs. Under the scheme, Dy. Director of Fisheries, Kakinada, E.G. District had received Rs.9.24 lakhs vide D.D.No.997011, dt.15.06.2011 vide Memo.No.216/J2/2011, dt.17.06.2011. During the course of enquiry, the V& E officials have examined and recorded the statements of the petitioner and other listed beneficiaries and other relevant persons acquainted with the facts of the case.

The V& E Department in their investigation has stated that "on 30.3.2012, Sri V.V.Krishna Murthy, DDF has given work order to the boat engine dealer for supply of 35 Field Marshall Boat Engines of 10 HP capacity without mentioning stern gear equipment vide Lr.No.28.A4/2011, dt.22.02.2012. The boat engine dealer Sri R. Veerraju, issued sales bills on 31.03.2012 in the name of 35 beneficiaries with 10 HP capacity with stern gear equipment (the dealer has mentioned that the 10 HP motors to cover the rate of 44,000/- each as quoted by him.). Thus this charge-1.

The V&E in their report stated that "in order to show that the officials and local leaders have implemented the scheme properly, on 10.04.2012 the officials of Fisheries Department have organized a meeting in Balusutippa (V) duly inviting Sri Ponnada Venkata Satish Kumar, Local MLA, Mummidivaram, village elders and beneficiaries for distribution of boat engines. On 10.04.2012, the dealer has brought only 5 boat Engines. One boat Engine was given to Sri Oleti Adinarayana, in the function, who has paid Rs.20,000/- to dealer, Sri R.Veerraju. With the remaining 4 boat engines, the officials, Ex-Sarpanch and others have taken photographs of the beneficiaries for the purpose of false documentation. Later, the officials have obtained signature s/ thumb impressions of the 35 beneficiaries to show that they have distributed the boat engines in the function. Further, they obtained countersignatures of Ex-Sarpanches, on the same acknowledgement on the same day. Next day ie., on 11.04.2012, the officials obtained the countersignature of the local MLA, Sri Ponnada Venkata Satish Kumar. In order to show that the scheme has been implemented as per the guidelines, Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Katrenikona (M) & Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, the then Dy. Director of Fisheries (FAC), Kakinada have fabricated the record to show that boat engines have been distributed to beneficiaries without giving not even single boat engine to beneficiaries. Thus, this charge-2.

Sri V. V. Krishna Murthy, the then Dy. Director, Fisheries (FAC), Kakinada has released the subsidy amount of Rs.7,70,000/- and directed the Bank official to release the subsidy amount together with the loan portion to the dealer. But, it is pertinent to mention here that the Bank official have paid only the subsidy amount of Rs.7,23,000/- to the Dealer, Sri R. Veerraju, after deducting Rs.38,000/ as loan interest of 35 listed beneficiaries @ 1078/- per beneficiary instead of returning the subsidy to the Fisheries Dept., as by that time the bank loan accounts of the beneficiaries were already closed. Thus, this charge-3.

In implementing the scheme, none of the 35 fishermen received boat 5 engines on subsidy. But subsidy amount was sanctioned on their names and was siphoned off by the dealer and officials of fisheries department. As a result, all 35 fishermen became ineligible to claim subsidy in future under centrally sponsored scheme "Motorization of Traditional Crafts".

The officials of Fisheries Dept., including Sri V.V.Krishna Mruthy, the then Dy. Directors of Fisheries, Kakinada, have made use of the scheme only for village in order to misappropriate the subsidy amount taking advantage of the ignorance of gullible local illiterate fishermen and caused injustice to needy beneficiaries of the villages in E.G. District cheated the listed (35) beneficiaries of Balusuthippa (V) mis-appropriated an amount of Rs.7,32,000 and caused loss of Rs.7,70,000/- to the Government Exchequer. Thus, this charge-4.

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ANNEXURE-II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.V.KRISHNA MURTHY, THE THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT PRESENTLY WORKING AS DY. DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES O/o COMMISSIONER OF FISHERIES, AP, HYDERABAD IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

From the G.A(V&E)Dept., Vigilance Report No.26, Dt.04.12.2013.

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